

# History of the Mexicans as Told by Their Paintings

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The following text is an important sixteenth-century account of the religion and history of the Colhua Mexica, or Aztecs. It is translated from a Spanish text, preserved in the library of the University of Texas at Austin, which was written down in the 1530s and apparently is based upon one or more indigenous hieroglyphic codices. It may have been composed by Fray Andrés de Olmos, one of the early Franciscan friars who was most interested in native culture. In Spanish it is usually referred to as the *Historia de los Mexicanos por sus pinturas*, and in English as the *History of the Mexicans as Told by Their Paintings*, although Phillips also refers to it as the *Codex Ramírez*, after Bishop Ramírez de Fuen Leal.

This edition is the only available complete English translation, published one year after Joaquín García Icazbalceta first published the Spanish text in the *Anales del Museo Nacional de México*. The language is more than a little convoluted; this is due in part to the translator, and in part to the original text, which is garbled and archaic in places. I include all of Phillips' original introduction and notes, although these are primarily of historical value. Most of the sources that he cites, such as various of Daniel Brinton's works, are secondary and are no longer considered particularly important. His notes concerning various spellings of the proper names have all been superseded by later work, and his understanding of the Nahuatl language was clearly deficient. Note 17 is set aside as its own page, because it includes a lengthy translation of a different creation account, from the *Mixteca Alta* of Oaxaca. Note 18 also stands on its own with a lengthy, although not always valid, account of the native calendar.

I also preserve Phillips' typography, which is not always consistent in its use of italics. For the most part, he italicizes all non-English words and names, but some slipped through copy-editing in roman type, and I have left them as is. His orthography appears to preserve that of the original manuscript, with all of its errors and

inconsistency. The most easily available Spanish edition (*Teogonía e historia de los Mexicanos*, edited by Angel Maria Garibay K., Mexico City: Porrúa, 1965) standardizes all names to the correct Classical Nahuatl orthography.

In the original manuscript, only some of the chapters were numbered and named. The chapter numbers and headings used here are those of Phillips, unless they appear in brackets, in which case they are an editorial insertion by myself. Throughout the text, parentheses usually indicate an editorial aside by Phillips, and brackets by myself; for added clarity, all new editorial insertions are in orange. Page breaks in Phillips' text are also indicated in brackets, with the number referring to the page on which the following text appears.

The chapters vary greatly in length, and in importance. Chapter 11 covers the Mexica migration from just after their departure from Aztlan until their arrival at Huitzilopochco. Chapter 20 is the longest, and spans the history of Tenochtitlan from its foundation in 1322 until 1529. Chapter 21 is almost as long. It contains various disconnected notes on the history and laws of Tenochtitlan.

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# INTRODUCTION

Perhaps one of the most valuable fragments of antiquity that has survived the bigoted fury of the Spanish ecclesiastics is the Codex Ramirez, a history of the Mexicans as shown forth by their hieroglyphical and symbolical writings. It was prepared shortly after the Conquest by the orders and for the use of Señor Ramirez de Fuen Leal, Bishop of Cuenca, President of the Chancelleria, to be used in deciding upon questions of all nature that were likely to arise before that tribunal. He caused the Aztec sages and priests to come together before him, and to agree upon an explanation of the characters and signs in which the law, history and mythology of the Mexicans were written. As an authentic exposition of such, it is unique and of the greatest value to students.

Brinton (Am. Hero Myths, 78), calls it "the most valuable authority we possess;" Pinelo (Vol. II, 603), refers to its having been used by Herrera; Chavero (Anales del Museo Nacional, III, iv, 120), "se considera como la mejor fuente, acaso la unica verdaderamente autorizada, para conocer los hechos pasados en Tenochtitlan." When Bishop Ramirez returned to Spain, he took with him this MS., which now exists in Madrid in a volume of twelve leaves folio entitled Libro de oro y Thesoros Indicos, and bears upon it various memoranda attesting its authenticity.

The work is extremely difficult to understand, and full of obscurities arising partly from errors in transcription, partly from the use of antiquated expressions, and a most involved and puerile style, and partly from incorrect and vulgar orthographies.

In the following translation I have endeavored to reproduce the simplicity and meaning of the original, adding copious notes of explanation and conjecture wherever a passage seemed to demand it.

(NOTE.--Tz is pronounced like the Maya Ç; X like the sound of sh in English; t between two "l"s is dropped; o and u were pronounced almost identical (Molina). Anales de Museo Nacional, I, VI, 212.)

## CHAPTER 1ST. [p.616]

### Of the Creation and Beginning of the World and of the Original and Superior Deities.

Through symbols and writings formerly used, through the traditions of the old and of those who in the days of their infidelity were priests and pontiffs, and through the narrations of the lords and chief men to whom they were accustomed to teach the law and educate in their temples in order to render them learned, brought together before me with their books and hieroglyphics, which according to what is demonstrated are believed [617] to be of ancient origin, many of them anointed with human blood, it appears that there was originally one god named Tonacatecli, <sup>1</sup> who took for wife Tonacaçiguatl, or as she is sometimes called Cachequacalt, who created themselves, and were perpetual inhabitants of the thirteenth heaven; of whose creation and beginning likewise there is nothing known except the fact that it also originated in the thirteenth heaven. Of this god and goddess were engendered four sons, the eldest was called Tlaclau quetetzatlipuca, <sup>2</sup> whom the peoples of Quaxoçingo and Tascala revered as their chief divinity under the name of Camaxtle, <sup>3</sup> and who was said to have been born of a ruddy color all over. They had a second son named Yayanque tezcatlipuca; he who was the greatest and the worst, who overpowered and bore sway over the other three, because he was born in the middle of all (naçio en medio de todos); he was totally black at birth. The third was called Queçalcoatl, <sup>4</sup> and for another name Yaguelicatl. To the fourth and the smallest they gave the appellation of Omitecilt, <sup>5</sup> and Maquezcoatl, whom the Mexicans termed Vchilobi, because he was left-handed, and looked upon him as their chief deity, because in the land from whence they came, he was so considered, and was more especially the god of warfare than were the other divinities. Of these four sons of Tonacatecli and Tonacaçigulatl (sic), Tezcatlipuca was the one who knew all thoughts, and was in all places and read all hearts, for which he was called Moyocoya, <sup>6</sup> which is to say "the all-powerful," according to which idea he is represented in painting only as the air, by which name he is not commonly known. Vchilobi, <sup>7</sup> the younger brother, and god of the Mexicans, was born without flesh (naciò sin carne), but only bones, in which condition he lived six hundred years, during which period of time the gods did nothing whatever, the father as well as the sons, and in their representation there is no account taken of these six hundred years, counting them as they do from twenty to twenty, according to the sign which he holds, which stands for twenty. These gods were known by these and many other names, according to how their attributes are understood, for each community called them differently by reason of their dialects, and so they were given diverse appellations.

## CHAPTER 2ND. [p.617]

Of how the World was created and by whom.

When the six hundred years after the birth of the four brethren gods, the sons of Tonacatecli, had passed away, they all four came together, and said that it was good that they should arrange what they had to do, and the law they were to be governed by, and they all committed to Quezalcoatli and Vchilobi, the performance of this task, in pursuance of which they created, under the orders and judgment of the others, the fire, and this being done they made the half-sun, which, on account of not being entire, gave not much but only a slender light. Presently they created a man and a woman; the man they called Vxumuco, and the woman Çipastonal, <sup>8</sup> and to them they gave command that they should till the ground, and that the woman [618] should spin and weave, and that of them should be born the Maçeguales, and that they should find no pleasure, but should always be obliged to work; to the woman the gods gave certain grains of maiz, <sup>9</sup> so that with them she should work cures, and should use divination and witchcraft, and so it is the custom of women to do to this very day. Then they created the days which they divided into months, giving to each month twenty days, of which they had eighteen, and three hundred and sixty days in the year, of which will be spoken subsequently. Then they created Mitlilatteclet and Michitecaçiglat, husband and wife, and these were the gods of the lower regions (infierno), in which they were placed; then the gods created the heavens below the thirteenth, and then they made the water and created in it a great fish similar to an alligator which they named Çipaqli, and from this fish they made the earth as shall be told; and to create the god and goddess of water, all the four divinities joined themselves together, and made Tlalocatecli, <sup>10</sup> and his wife Chalchiutlique, <sup>11</sup> whom they assigned to be the gods of water, to whom they betook themselves in prayer whenever it was needful. Of this god of water it was said that he had his dwelling of four apartments, in the middle of which was a large courtyard, where stood four large earthen pans full of water. In one of these pans the water was excellent, and from it the rain fell which nourished all manner of corn and seeds and grain, and which ripened things in good season; from the second rained bad water from which fell cobwebs on the crops, and blight and mildew ensued; from another fell ice and sleet; when from the fourth rain fell nothing matured or dried. This god of rain water created many servants, small of body, who were in the rooms of the aforesaid house, and they held money boxes, <sup>12</sup> in which they caught the water from the great earthen pans, and various rods in the other hand; and when the god of water sent them to irrigate any especial places, they started off with their boxes and sticks, and let fall the water where they were directed, and when it thunders the noise is caused by their striking the boxes with their

rods, and when it lightens it comes from within these boxes. It is eighty years since Señor de [or "the lord of"] Chalco wished to sacrifice to these servants of the gods of water one of his hunchbacks <sup>13</sup> and took him to the Volcano, a very high mountain always covered with snow, fifteen leagues distant from the City of Mexico, and placed the humpback inside of a cave of which the entrance was closed up, and from lack of food he became drowsy, and was carried to where he could see the aforesaid palace and the manner of life of the deity; sometime later the servants of Señor de Chalco came to look for him to see if he were dead, but finding him living, took him home where he told what he had seen; in this very year the people of Chalco were subdued by the Mexicans, and became enslaved, and it was said that this had been the signal for their loss as it took place. Afterwards all the four gods, being united in work, they created from the fish Cipacuatli <sup>14</sup> the earth, which they called Tlalteclic, <sup>15</sup> and represent as the god of the earth, extended over a fish as having been made of it.

#### CHAPTER 3RD. [p.619]

Of the Creation of the Sun, and how many Suns there have been, and how long each one lasted, and how the Maceguals ate in the time of each Sun, and of the Giants in those Days.

All the aforesaid was made, and created without any account being taken of the year, except that it was all in one, and without any difference of time, and it is narrated that of the first man and woman who did as has been already said, about the time when these things began to be performed, there was born a son to whom was given the name of Pilcetecli, and as there was lacking some woman for him to marry, the gods made of the hairs of Suchiqueçar, <sup>16</sup> a woman with whom his first marriage took place. When this was done all the four deities took notice that the half sun which they had created gave but very little light, so they resolved to make another half sun, so that it should illumine the whole earth. When Tezcatlipuca saw this he became himself a sun in order to give light, as we represent him in painting, and they say that what we see is only the brightness of the sun and not the sun himself, because the sun rises in the morning, traverses till midday, and then returns to the east in order to start again next day, and that which is visible from noon till sunset is its brightness, and not the sun itself, and that at night it neither shows itself nor has motion. So from being a god Tezcatlipuca made himself a sun, and then all the other deities created giants, who were very large men, and of such extreme strength that they could tear up trees with their hands, and they lived on the acorns of evergreen oak trees, and nothing else. <sup>17</sup> This state of affairs lasted as long as this sun did, which was thirteen times fifty-two years, which make 676 years.



## CHAPTER 4TH. [p.619]

Of the manner which they have of reckoning.<sup>18</sup>

And since they commence to count time from this first sun, and their reckoning runs on from it continuously, leaving behind the 600 years, the period of the birth of the gods, and while Vchilobus was in his bones, and without flesh, as has been narrated, I shall now proceed to tell the manner and order in which they reckon their year, and this is it. As has been already said, each year contains 360 days, and 18 months, each month of 20 days; and of how they use up 5 days in festivals, which became fixed, we shall speak later in our chapters touching on the feasts and their celebrations. Holding the year as has been said they correct from four to four, and neither in their language nor in their paintings, take any account of more than four years. The first they call tectapatl, and paint it as a stone or flint with which they cut open the body in order to draw out the heart; the second, cali, which they represent as a house, for by this name they call a house; the third, tochili, whom they paint with a rabbit's [620] head, for by this term they rabbit; the fourth, acal, which they represent as a sign for water. They reckon with these four numbers and objects till they come to the thirteenth year, which then rounds the great cycle, like the indiction or lustrum of the Romans; and when finished four times thirteen. the four years being run four times thirteen, making fifty and two, this they call an age (epoch), and when fifty and two years are ended, with much pomp they celebrate the great year, and place the period with those already passed, and recommence anew their four year computation; the festival of which and the entrance into the new cycle was celebrated among the Mexicans by extinguishing all the lights that existed, and the priests would go to seek light again at a temple situated on a high mountain near Estapalapa, where the ceremonies took place, about two leagues distant from Mexico. They then continued henceforth their count of four years, and then of thirteen, till they had reached their fifty-two, and so on from fifty-two to fifty-two for all time.

Returning to the giants who were created at the time when Tezcatlipuca was the sun, it is said that when he ceased to be the sun, they all perished, and tigers made an end to them and ate them up, so that no one remained; and these tigers were created in this fashion; that after thirteen times fifty-two years had passed Queçalcoatl became the sun, and Tezcatlipuca ceased to be it, because he gave him a blow with a great stick, and threw him over into the water, and there he was metamorphosed into a tiger, and issued forth thence to slay the giants; and this appeared in the heavens, for it is said that the ursa major came down to the water because he is Tezcatlipuca, and was on high in memory of him.

In these eras the Maceguals ate the nuts of the pine trees and nothing else, which lasted while Queçalcoatl was the sun, during thirteen times fifty-two years, which was 676 years, which being come to an end Tezcatlipuca, on account of being a god did the same actions as his other brothers, and hence was made a tiger, and gave a kick in the breech to Queçalcoatl, which upset him and finished his term of being the sun; and then a terrible wind arose which carried away all the Maceguals, except a few who remained suspended in the air, and the rest turned into apes and monkeys; then Tlalocatecli, the god of the lower regions, became the sun, and remained so seven times fifty-two years, which are 364 years, in which time the Maceguals had nothing to eat, but açiçutli, which is a species of seed of a grain which is hunt in the water. When these years were over, Queçalcoatl sent down a rain of fire from heaven, and deprived Atlalocatecli of being the sun, and made his wife Chalchiutlique, the sun in his place, who remained so six times fifty-two years, which are 312 years, and during that time the Maceguals ate only a seed of a grain like maize named cintrococopi.<sup>19</sup> And so from the birth of the gods to the fulfillment of the sun according to the count were 2000 and 600 and 20 and 8 years.

#### CHAPTER 5TH. [p.621]

Of the Deluge, and of the Fall from Heaven and of the Restoration.

In the last year of the sun Chalchiutlique, as has been told, it rained so much water and so great an abundance thereof that the heavens themselves felt, and the waters carried away all the Maceguals that were, and from them were made all manner of the fishes that exist at the present day; and so there ceased to be any more Maceguals, and the heaven itself had ceased to exist, for it had fallen upon the earth.<sup>20</sup> And when the four gods had seen that the heaven had fallen on the earth, which took piece in the first year of the four after the sun had ended, and the rain had fallen, which was the year tochili, they ordained that all the four should make through the centre of the earth four roads by which to enter it in order to raise the heaven, to assist in which task they created four men; one they called Cotemuc, another Yzcoactl, another Yzmali, and the fourth Tenesuchi. These four men having been created, the two gods, Tezcatlipuca and Quicälcoatl, then formed themselves into enormous trees, <sup>21</sup> Tezcatlipuca becoming the one known as Tazcaquavilt, meaning the tree of the mirror, and Quicälcoatl, the Queçalhuesuch, and gods and men and trees together raised on high the heaven and the stars, just as they are to-day, and as a recompense for having raised them, Tonacatecli, the father, made them lords of the heaven and the stars; and when the heaven was raised, Tezcatlipuca and Quicälcoatl walked

through it, and made the road which we now see there, and met in it, and remained there in it, and held their abode there.

#### CHAPTER 6TH. [p.621]

What happened after the Raising of the Heaven and Stars.

After that the heaven was lifted up, the gods renewed life to the earth which had expired when the heaven fell upon it, and in the second year after the deluge which was acalt, Tezcatlipuca altered his name, and changed himself into Mixcoatl, <sup>22</sup> which means viper of snow, and for this reason he is painted among the gods a viper. In this year he desired to feast the gods, and for this purpose drew a light from the rods whence they were in the habit of drawing it, and hence the origin of drawing fire from flint, which are rods that have a heart. The fire being once drawn, it was the festival of making many and large flames.

From this second year in which fire came forth until the sixth. nothing happened noteworthy, except in the sixth year after the deluge Çinteul was born, son of Picenticli, eldest son of the first man, who, because he was a god and his wife a goddess, being made of the hairs of the goddess mother, could not die; two years later, which was the eighth year after the deluge, the gods created the Maceguals, just as they had formerly existed, and there is no record of any other event till this cycle of thirteen years was accomplished. In the first year of the second cycle of thirteen years thereafter all the four gods came together and said that the earth had no light [622] but was in darkness, there being nothing else to give any light save the fires, so they created a sun to illuminate the earth, and this sun should eat hearts and drink blood; so to feed it they were obliged to carry on continual warfare to obtain for it blood and hearts. And since it was the will of all the gods that it should be so, in the first year of the second cycle of thirteen, which was the fourteenth after the deluge, they made a war which lasted two years till it was finished; again in three years they made war, in which time Tezcatlipuca created 400 men and five women, so as to have some people for the sun to eat, <sup>23</sup> these men lived only four years after which the women were the sole survivors. In the decennial year of this second thirteenth it is said that Suchiçicar, first wife of Piçiutecli, son of the first man, died in the war, being the first woman to expire in warfare, and much the next powerful of all women, so many as died in war.

#### CHAPTER 7TH. [p.622]

How the Sun was made and what took place afterwards.

In the thirteenth year of this second cycle of thirteen, which is in the twenty-sixth year after the deluge, we have seen how the gods agreed to make the sun, and how they made war in order to give it something to eat, Quicalcoatl wanted to make his son the sun, of whom he was the father but who had no mother, and at the same time talocatecli, the god of water, made to himself a son by Chalchiutli, <sup>12</sup> his wife, which is the moon, eating nothing until (here there is a lacuna in the original), and they drew blood from their ears, <sup>24</sup> and with this they fasted, and they drew blood from their ears, and their body in their prayers and sacrifices; and this being done Quicalcoatl took his son and heated him red hot in a great fire, from whence he issued as a sun to illumine the earth; and after the fire died out, Talocatecli, <sup>25</sup> came and threw his own son in the cinders from whence he issued forth as the moon, for which reason he appears ashy colored and obscure. In the last year of this thirteen, the sun began to give his light, for before that time it had always been night, and the moon began to run after the sun, and never to catch up with him, and they traversed the air perpetually without ever arriving at the heavens.

#### CHAPTER 8TH. [p.622]

Of what happened after the Sun and Moon were made.

One year after the sun was made, which was the first of the third thirteen after the deluge, Camasale, one of the four gods, went to the eighth heaven, and created four men and one woman for a daughter, so that they should go to war, that there should be hearts for the sun and blood for it to drink; and being made they fell into the water, and then returned to heaven, and as they fell and there ensued no war, the next year, which was the second of the third thirteen, the same Camasale, or as he is sometimes called Mixcoatl, took a rod and struck with it on a rock from which sallied forth forty [623] Chichimecas, <sup>26</sup> and this they say was the beginning of the Chichimecas, which we call Otomis, which in the language of Spain signifies mountaineers, and these, as we shall narrate hereafter, were the inhabitants of this country before the Mexicans came to conquer, and to dwell there and in the eleven years following of this third thirteen, Camasale <sup>27</sup> did penance, taking the thorns of the maguëy and drawing blood from his tongue and ears, and for this reason it is the custom to draw blood from such places with the thorns whenever they supplicate the gods. He did this penance so that his four sons and daughter that he had created in the eighth heaven should descend and slay the Chichimecas, so that the sun should have hearts to eat; and in the eleventh year of the third thirteenth, down came the four sons and the daughter, and placed themselves in some trees whence they fed eagles; and now it was that the Camasale invented the wine of the maguëy and other kinds of wines in which the Chichimecas busied themselves,

and knew nothing better than drunkenness; and being in the trees the sons of Camasale, they were seen by the Chichimecas, who went to them, so they descended from the trees, and slew all the Chichimecas, only three escaping; one was called Ximbel, another Mimichil, and the third was the Camasale, the god who had created them, and who transformed himself into a Chichimeca. In the eighth year of the fourth thirteen after the deluge there was a great noise in the heaven from whence there fell a deer with two heads, and Camasale caused it to be caught, and ordered the men who then inhabited Cuitlalavaca, three leagues distant from Mexico, that they should capture that deer and regard it as a god, and they did so, and they gave it for four years to eat of rabbits and vipers and butterflies; and in the eighth year of the fourth thirteen Camasale had a war with some of his adjoining neighbors, and in order to conquer them he took the aforesaid stag and carrying it to them overcame them; and in the second year of the fifth thirteen did this same god Camasale celebrate a festival in heaven, making many fires; and until there was completed the fifth thirteen after the deluge did Camasale keep on continuously making war, and with it he gave nutriment to the sun.

They say, and the paintings likewise show it, that in the first year of the sixth thirteen the Chichimecas waged war against Camasale, and took away his deer, through which he was enabled to be victorious; and the reason why he lost it was that while wandering about the field he fell in with a female relation of Tezcatlipuca, a descendant of the five women whom he had made at the time when he created the 400 men which latter died, but the females remained alive, and this one was descended from them, and bore a son who was known as Ceacalt; <sup>28</sup> and in this thirteen they represent that afterwards when Çeacalt (sic) was a youth he did seven years of penance, wandering alone through the mountains, and drawing blood from himself that the gods might make him a mighty warrior. And in the sixth thirteen after the deluge began, this Çeacalt to wage war, and he was the first lord of Tula whose inhabitants chose him for their chief on [624] account of his valor. This Çeacalt lived until the second year of the ninth thirteen, being lord of Tula, and four years before that time he built a very large temple in Tula, and when he had done it there came to him Tezcatlipuca, who told him, that towards Honduras, in a place which is now called Tlapalla, there was a house built for him, and that there he should betake himself and breathe his last, for that he must go away from Tula, <sup>29</sup> in which town Çeacalt was revered as a god; to what Tezcatlipuca said to him, he replied that the heavens and the stars had told him that it was his fate to leave there within four years. And so when these four years were completed, he departed and took with him all the Maceguals of Tula, and left them at the city of Chulula, whence are descended all its inhabitants, and others he left in the province of Cuzcatan,

whence descends the present population of that place, and in the very same manner he left behind him in Çempoal others who settled there, and he proceeded on his journey till he reached Tlapala (sic), and on the very day in which he arrived there he fell ill, and on the day following he died. Then Tula remained depopulated, and without a lord nine years.

#### CHAPTER 9TH. [p.624]

Of the beginning and coming of the Mexicans to this New Spain.

It is said that after the completion of ten thirteens after the deluge, which are 130 years, the Mexicans were settled in a community named Azcla to the west of the New Spain slightly trending toward the North, which was very much populated, and in whose centre stood a mountain whence issued a fountain which became a river, like Chapultepeque <sup>30</sup> is in Mexico, and on the other side of this river was another settlement, and a very large one, named Culucan, <sup>31</sup> and since their computation begins with the first year of their emigration, so from now on for the future we shall reckon time starting from the year in which this Mexican agreed to sally out to find new lands that they might conquer, and for that reason they chose three war chiefs or captains, one they named Xinçi, another Tecpaçi, and the third Coantlique, and with these three started off many Mexicans (the paintings do not set out their number), and they carried with them the figure and manner of constructing their temples, so as to be able to erect them to Vchilobi wherever he should come. So they took their adieu of the temple they had in Azcla, <sup>32</sup> and began their journey, for which reason the painting representing their expedition, makes its beginning with the temple.

#### CHAPTER 10TH [p.624]

How they Departed, the People of Culucan, and what Peoples went with them, and how they were named.

As has been already narrated on the eastern side of the river they represent the City of Culucan, a very large city with many populous places around it filled with people, on the account of which the inhabitants determined [625] to seek a country to settle in, and being united they took for captain and war chief one named Ynqualtlatlanqui, and they took the names of the old towns and places they had left, and gave them to new ones in the country to which they immigrated. It is said that the following people went with them, and each one took its own god which it worshiped, and the manner of its own temple, for in each one the service was different, and no one was identical with another, for which reason they are painted dissimilar; and so there went forth with them



those of Culucan, which was the principal city, and was placed in the new settlement distant two leagues from the one whence they populated it as they came, of which more will be said in the hereafter. They took their gods, named Çinteul, son of Pinçetecli, Suchimulco <sup>33</sup> went with them, taking his god named Quelazcli, who was the stag of Mixcoatl <sup>34</sup> ashas been told; Atitlalabaca, went forth with his god Amimicli, which was a rod of Mixcoatl whom they revered as a god, and carried that rod in memory of him; Mizquique, went forth with Quicalcoatl as his god; Chalco <sup>35</sup> went forth with Tezcatlipuca napatecli for his god. The people went forth of Tacuba, and Culucan and Ascapuzalco, which was called Tenpanecas, <sup>36</sup> and these took as their god Ocotecli, which is fire, and for this reason they are accustomed to consume in the fire all whom they capture in war. These people, say the Mexicans, and no more sallied forth, although those of Tazcuco, <sup>37</sup> and Tascala and Guejoçingo boast and vaunt themselves that they too came when the others came from Mexico, and are also of that land. All these people with their gods set out in this first year, which was tecpalt, and there went forth of them forty bands.

## CHAPTER 11TH [p.625]

Of the Road they journeyed and of the Places they went, and of the Time they tarried in each Place where they were.

All having departed they came to two lofty mountains, in whose midst they encamped and remained there two years, and as the days are not painted that they occupied in reaching this spot, nothing appears more clearly than that up to the time of their resting in these sierras they reckon one year, and two years they spent there sowing what they had to eat and carry off with them, and here they erected their first temple to Vchilobo, according as they had done in that city.

These two mountains stood opposite each other, and their habitation was in their middle.

After three years had passed since their departure from Astla (sic), from when the Mexicans came forth, as has been told, they left the place or site of the two hills where they had remained two years, after having built a temple to Uchilogos (sic), as has been said, and came to a valley where there were many great trees, which they named Quausticaca, <sup>38</sup> on account of the many pine trees that were there, and there they stayed a year, which completed the four years since they had left their homes. [626] Thence they traveled onward till they came to a place which they named Chicomuxtoque, <sup>39</sup> and they settled there and remained nine years, and so here they completed the thirteen years from the time of their departure and when they left there they laid the place waste; and there was born

in this place, Tlacuxquin, and Mançamoyagual and Minaqueciguatle, who were the two males, and one woman, their chief personages, and here was accomplished the thirteenth year of their exodus, and they began to reckon the second thirteen.

When they had departed from Chicomuztoque (sic), they came to a plain, which is the spot where at the time dwelt the Chichimecas, whose home was in front of Panuco, and here they remained three years, and to this valley they gave the name of Cuatlicamat. At the end of the three years they went forth and came to a ranche which they called Matlauacala, where they dwelt three years, and erected a temple to Vchilogos, thence they came to another ranche, named by them near the one where the Otomies lived, the indigines of the land; and here they rested five years, and erected another temple to Vchilogos, and here was fulfilled eleven years of the second thirteen since their departure.

From this sojourning place they came to a mountain opposite Tula named Coatebeque, <sup>40</sup> and when they came the Maçeguales held in great veneration the mantas of the five women whom Tezcatlipuca made, and who died the day the sun was created, as has been said, and from these mantas the aforesaid five women came again to life, and wandered in this mountain, doing penance, drawing blood from their tongues and ears; and when four years of their penance had passed by, one named Quatlque <sup>41</sup> who was a virgin, took a small quantity of white feathers and placed them in her bosom, from which she conceived without having known a man, and there was born of her Vchilogos, for a new birth, in addition to his other nativities, for he was a god all-powerful, and could do whatever he wished.

And here came again to life the 400 men whom Tezcatlipuca created, and who died before the sun was made, and when they saw the woman was pregnant, they sought to burn her, but Vchilogos was born of her fully armed, and slew the whole of the 400 men; and this the feast of his nativity and the slaughter of the 400 men they celebrate every year, as will be narrated in the chapter relating to their festivals; and before the feast there is a great general fast who shall participate, lasting eighty days, during which they only eat once a day; and these 400 men whom Vchilogos slew, the inhabitants of the province of Cuzco <sup>42</sup> burnt up and took for their gods, and reverence as such down to the present day, and in this way they celebrated for the first time the festival of the birth of Vchilogos and the massacre of the 400 men by him.

When thirty-three years had elapsed since their departure from their home, they went forth from Coatebeque and came to Chimalcoque, where they remained three years; thence they came to Ensicox, where they dwelt another three years, and built a



temple and placed the mast of Vchilobos (sic); and after the thirty-ninth year from their departure they [627] drew out the mast of Vchilobos (sic), and gave it to Vingualti, to carry it with the greatest veneration on their journey, and they came to Tlemaco, which is near to Tula, and raised a temple to Vchilogos (sic), and remained there twelve years, and these twelve years being passed, they departed thence and took up the mast of Vchilogos, and gave it to Caçiçi to carry. And after all this had happened, they came to Tlitalaquia, a well known town, and it was on the borders of Tula, where they rested two years and built a temple to Vchilogos; and after these two years the Mexicans came to the town of Tula itself, which in these days was peopled with its aborigines, who were the Chichimecas, and when they came to the said town they erected a temple to Vchilogos, and placed before it the candelabras that are now in use, in which they placed cepal and other savory things; and as soon as the Mexicans had come Vchilogos appeared to the inhabitants of the country in a black form, and they heard Vchilogos wailing beneath the earth, and they asked wherefore the god of the Mexicans was weeping below the ground, and the answer because every inhabitant of Tula was doomed to death. Four years later, an old woman, a native of Tula, went about giving out flags of paper fastened to rods, and making it manifest to them that they should get ready to die, because their time had come; and presently they all cast themselves upon the stone on which the Mexicans were wont to offer up their sacrifices, and the one of them who took charge of the temple which was in Tula, by name Tequipuyul, who was a stranger and a vagabond without employ, and whom they believed to be the devil, slew them all; and before the Mexicans erected their temple, that stone was a temple to the inhabitants of Tula; and so were put to death all the inhabitants of Tula, so that not one remained alive, and the Mexicans were lords of Tula.

Departing afterwards from Tula they came to the place where now stands the town of Atotoniltengo, where they remained one year, and thence they came to the town of Tecuzquiciac where they rested four years; thence they came to the town of Apazco, and from Pazco (sic) to Zumpango, where they stayed three years, and as they arrived near the town of Çumpango (sic), they encountered one sole Chichimeca, named Tlacizcal Potongui, who went out to meet the Mexicans, as he saw them coming; and they sacrificed to Vchilogos, god of the Mexicans another Chichimeca, whom they had made prisoner in battle, and they placed his head upon a pole for which reason this town is called Zumpango, which signifies a pole that transfixes human heads. Thence after four years they departed and came to Tlilac, where they tarried seven years, and leaving there as they were on their road to Clautitlan, they lost one of their women who had been captured by the Chichimecas, and taken to Michuacan, and from her were born all the dwellers in

Michuacan, who before that time were all Chichimecas, and they pursued their road to Quatitlan, where they were one year. Thence they proceeded and come to Ecatebeque, where they stayed one year, and when they left Catebeque (sic), they reached Nepopoalco, [628] which signifies a narrow passage where a shepherd can count his flocks for here they took the number of those who came; and no one knows how many there were of them, nor is there any memorial of the number in their paintings. Here they built a house to Cipan and to Xincaque, who were those who took the census of the people as they came, and from here went forth three Mexicans, one named Navalci, another Tenaçi, and the third Chiautolt; and these three went forth to settle Marinalco, a town that exists at this day; and being there the Mexicans built a temple to Vchilogos at Çimalpal, two leagues from the City of Mexico, and then the Mexicans gave the name of Tlatlatevique to a mountain near Chimalpa, and thence they came to another mountain named Quatitlan which is two leagues from Mexico, where they rested four years, and thence they came to a mountain named Visachichitlan, where at the present the inhabitants of the suburb of Santiago live, thence they came to the mountain called Teubulco, thence to Tenayucan, and here a leading Mexican died, Tepayuca or Tehayuco, which was his name, and they found a Chichimeca in this place for their ruler named Tloçi; here they raised a temple to Vchilogos, and sacrificed a woman and made a grand festival, taking her there highly ornamented, as was their custom when they offered up a woman-sacrifice. Having made the feast to Vchilogos, they departed and came to a mountain named Tepexaquilla where they settled for nine years; and when the nine years were passed, they descended from this mountain, and dwelt near a lofty rock which issues warm water, now known as El Peñolcillo, which divides the suburbs of Mexico and Santiago, and all was barren up to the said rock, and there flowed the stream of Chapultepeque, and they made a certain enclosed place of chalk and stone to keep these waters, and they dwelt by them for four years; thence they came to Chapultepeque, where they gave a direction to the stream, and placed behind it many rods with pennons such as the old woman gave to the people of Tula, when they wished to sacrifice themselves, for which see what has been already narrated; then the Mexicans ceased being in Chapultepeque, and went forward and came to Tlachetongo, which is now San Lázaro, near to Tianguetz [marketplace] of the Mexicans, and thence they proceeded to the suburb called Aqualcomac, which is nigh to the said Tianguetz, and thence to Vetetlan, and thence to Ixocan, which is the road of Cuyacan, and thence they came to Tenculuacan, where at the present they make salt, and thence to a mountain named Tepetocan, which is near to Cuyoacan (sic), and thence to Vchilobusco, distant two short leagues from Mexico, named Ciaxuhilat in the Chichimeca tongue, because it was peopled by them, and in their religion they worship Vbuchilti, who was the god

of water; and this god of water met <sup>\*</sup> the Indian who carried the mast and plumes of Vchilogos, and as he did so he gave him certain arms which are those with which they slay the water fowl, and a dart; and because Vchilogos, was left handed as well [629] as was the god of water, they said that it must be his son, and the four were close friends, and they changed the name of the town where they had met with him; which was formerly called Vchilat, so that for the future it was known as Vchilobusco.

#### CHAPTER [12TH] [p.629]

##### [The Return to Chapultepec.]

From thence they came to Culuacan, where they found for ruler Achitometl, and then they passed onwards to the mountain named Visachitla, which stands near Estapalapa, and from there they came to Quesumalc, where they dwelt three years; and thence they went to Capulco, and made a detour to Tacuxcalco, which is the road of Talmanalco, where they built a temple to Vchilogos, and all the Mexicans assembled together at this place, Tacuxcalco, Xintēca and Caley and Escualt, being their war-chiefs, and they spoke to all the people; and because the Chichimecas, the aborigines of this land would not join themselves against them, but divided themselves off into many places, and in order not to be recognized altered their fashion of wearing the hair, so it was all done; because as they said Vchilogos had commanded them to act in this manner, and every one of those who went away, carried off his weapons, and those who remained took the plumes and deer skin of Micoatl, and his darts for arms, and the sack into which he was in the habit of throwing wild figs, because in those days people ate nothing else; then they kept on still farther to adjoining places in the neighborhood, and the war-chiefs addressed the people, telling them that four years they had to be dispersed, hidden and at the end of the said time they should all be reunited at Cacaquipa; and when the four years were passed they came together and returned to the mountain and bridge <sup>43</sup> of Chapultepeque, and there they captured Copil, the son of the woman whom the Chichimecas had taken prisoner, whence descends the people of Mechuacan, and they offered him up as a sacrifice, tearing out his heart towards the sun, and they remained dwelling in Chapultepeque fifteen years.

#### CHAPTER [13] [p.629]

##### [The Sacrifice of Copil.]

Whilst they remained in Chapultepeque they had three war-chiefs, <sup>44</sup> one named Clautliqueçi, son of the chief who brought them, and was known by the same name, as has been told, and Acipa, son of Çipayiavichiliutl, son of Tlauizcal Potongui, and they chose this

latter as their ruler to rule over them, and he governed them all the fifteen years they were in Chapultepeque. This Vichiliutl (sic), had two daughters, one named Tuzcasuch, and the other Chimalasuch; and, as we have already narrated, there was sacrificed in Chapultepeque, a son of the woman whom the Chichimecas took to carry off to Mechuacan, whence are descended those of Mechuacan, so they say that in this place also the aforesaid son of the said woman came to Mechuacan to see two Mexicans, <sup>45</sup> and when they wanted to sacrifice him, he said that he was not to be sacrificed except in Mechuacan, where his mother was, so over that they had [630] a fight by command of Vichiliutl and Quatlíqueçi, and conquering him offered him up for sacrifice, and buried his heart in a place called Temestitan, which was a City of Mexico, afterward founded in this place, and the head they interred in Tluchitongo.

#### CHAPTER [14] [p.630]

[The Death of Huitzilihuitl.]

These nine years being passed, they rested likewise twenty-five years additional in peace and quiet, Vichiliutl governing them, and they built on the hill of Chapultepeque a grand temple to Vchilogos; and while they were here, the Mexican aborigines, who were all Chichimecas, joined themselves together and assaulted them, and sat down their camp to besiege them near to the southward of Chapultepeque, and when night came on they fell upon the Mexicans and slew them, so that but few escaped by flight and took refuge among the canebrakes and recesses of the lagoon which was near by; and they burnt the temple which had been built, and the people of Caltoca captured the two daughters of Vchiliutl, and carried them away captive; and also was Vchiliutl taken prisoner and the men of Culucan slew him after he was captured; and those who fled and escaped were hidden for eighty days in the canebrakes, and ate nothing but herbs and vipers, and they bore with them Vchilogos being (here occurs apparently a lacuna in the MS.).

#### CHAPTER [15] [p.630]

[The Burial of the Heart of Copil.]

We have told how the heart of Copil, the son of the woman who went to Mechuacan \* was interred at Tinustitan, and the reason why was that one day when Coatlíqueçi was standing beneath a hut built of branches there appeared before him Vchilogos, and ordered him to bury the heart in that place, for in that place was to be his home, and he went there for that reason, and was buried there.

## CHAPTER [16] [p.630]

### [Submission to Colhuacan.]

When all the aforesaid had taken place, the Mexicans who had been in hiding among the canebrakes and herbage were driven out by the great hunger they felt, and came to Culhuacan to seek for food; and they told the people of that place when they reached there that they had come to serve them, that they should not slay them, and they prayed to Vchilogos, for him to give his orders that they should not be put to death; and they gave to the men of Culhuacan the plume and the staff of Vchilogos, and remained in their service. In these days Achitomel was lord of Culhuacan, and Chalchiutlatonac the chieftain, and they had a very fine temple in which the people of Culhuacan celebrated a feast to Çiguacoatl, <sup>46</sup> the wife of the god of the infernal regions, whom the people of Culhuacan revered as their especial god.

## CHAPTER [17] [p.630]

### [War with Xochimilco.]

For the space of twenty five years the Mexicans remained under the dominion of the people of Culhuacan during which time the people of [631] Culhuacan waged warfare against the people of Suchimilco, and in order to prove if the Mexicans were really warriors, they ordered them to go with them to help them; and the Mexicans thinking they were regarded as women, sent ten Mexicans, and no more, with them to the war, and the remainder stayed in their houses, which they possessed in Tiçapan, <sup>47</sup> at that time a domain of Culhuacan, and they gave orders to the ten men who went, that they should not slay any of the Suchimilcans, but that they should make them captives and cut off their ears; and the ten Mexicans did as they were directed so well, that they made prisoners of eighty of Suchimilcans, and from whom they cut off the ears, and from this the men of Culhuacan recognized that the Mexicans were men of war.

## CHAPTER [18] [p.631]

### [Flight from Colhuacan.]

At the end of the aforesaid twenty-five years the Mexicans left a temple which they had built to Vchilogos in Culhuacan, and erected another very large one at Tiçapaa, <sup>47</sup> and when the Culhuacans saw so grand a temple they asked the Mexicans what they were going to have in that temple, and what they should place in it; to which they were answered hearts, and when the Culhuacans heard this reply, they threw straw and filthy things into the temple, mocking

at the Mexicans. Then the Mexicans [took a woman] <sup>47\*</sup> who was called Avençi, and sacrificed her to Vchilogos smeared blood on the walls with one of her legs; and when the Culhuacans saw this sacrifice they were astounded, and arose against the Mexicans, and they all ran near to Catitlan, a river which flows close to Culhuacan and kept on flying all the way to Nextiquipaque in which place at this day there are ten households that are subject to Mexico, and Coxcoçi, chief of Culhuacan, looked favorably upon the Mexicans, and because they had risen against the Mexicans, he slew many Culhuacans.

## CHAPTER [19] [p.631]

[The Foundation of Tlatelolco and Tenochtitlan.]

When all the aforesaid twenty-five years already written about had elapsed, there began the first year in which they commenced to enter into the bounds of Tenustitlan, Mexico, and to populate it, and they came to Istacalco, which is a country near Mexico, and thence they went to Mixuacan, where a woman bore a child to which they gave this name, which signifies the fertile. and from there they settled in a suburb named Temazcaltitlan which signifies the suburb of the bath, and is in these days the district and suburb of St. Peter and St. Paul, and in the place it said that some Mexicans who carried Vchilogos went astray, murmured against him, and Vchilogos told them in their dreams that things must be as they had been, but that they were near to the place where they were to take their final rest and home, and that those who had murmured against him had sinned like men of two faces and two tongues; and in order that they should obtain pardon, they made themselves a head with two faces and two tongues, and having made the head of it of the grains that they ate, they shot arrows at it, and covering up their [632] eyes, those who had shot the figure, sought to find it, and finding it they ate it up, dividing it up among them all; and so it was performed, and they all came together and settled in Tatitlulco, which was a small island, and is now known as the suburb of Santiago. In this first year in which the Mexicans came to the aforesaid place, Vchilogos appeared to one of them named Tiunche, and told him that his home was to be in this spot, and that the Mexicans would not have to wander any farther, and he should tell them that when it was morning they should go seek a man of Culhuacan, because he had abused them, and take him and sacrifice him, and give him to the sun to eat. So Xomemitleuts went forth and found a man of Culhuacan named Chichilquautli, and sacrificed him to the sun on going out; and they named this place Quanmixtlitlan, <sup>48</sup> which afterwards was called Tenustitan, because they found there a wild fig tree grown on a stone, and the roots thereof grew forth out of the place where lay buried the heart of Copil as has been already narrated.

## CHAPTER [20] [p.632]

[The History of Tenochtitlan and Tlatelolco.]

In the second year of the settlement of Mexico the Mexicans began to lay the foundations of the large and important temple of Vchilogos, which kept on increasing at a great rate, for every ruler of the dwellers in Mexico who succeeded another in power added to it a building equally as large as the original one which the first inhabitants had erected there; and this the Spaniards found very tall and strong and broad, and it was much to look at.

In these days the Mexicans had for their ruler Illancueitl, a woman of importance who had power over them; and she was the wife of Acamapichi, <sup>49</sup> a native of Culuacan, and she was of Coatlixan, and although of Culuacan, descended from the Mexicans, for her mother married there one of the chief men of Culuacan, and the mother was a Mexican; and her husband, at the suggestion of his wife, came to Mexico, and she told them that as he was of the best family and they had no lord, they should take him for their ruler, and so he was the first ruler, and his wife died in [the] twenty-fourth year after the foundation of Mexico; and after her death they chose him for lord because in her life he was only looked upon as the chief man; <sup>50</sup> three years before this, which was reckoned as twenty-one years from the foundation of Mexico, the Mexicans made war upon the people of Culuacan and burnt their temple. In the next year, the twenty-second from the foundation of the city, the Culuacans took notice of the great progress the Mexicans had made in those twenty two previous years, and were smitten with fear, and placed their gods in a canoe with which they went to Suchimilco; and when they had reached the town of Cuantlecaxtan, the sun shone forth with so much brilliancy that his rays struck them blind, and so they could not see until they had come close to Mexico; and when they had recovered their sight they placed their gods in Mexico, and built for them a small temple a short distance further on than the place where now stand the shambles.

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In the twenty-eighth year from the foundation of the city in which the fifty-two years were fulfilled, there was held a great public festival in which all light was extinguished throughout the land, and when it was all extinct they would draw fire anew from the mountain of Estapalapa. This festival took place from every fifty-two to fifty-two years, so that the year that completed the four times thirteen years was the fifty-second one.

At the thirty-first year from the foundation of the city fire first began to issue forth from the volcano, and in the forty-seventh the



Mexicans conquered Tenayuca, and burnt its temple, which was of straw, and the people of Tenayuca were Chichimecas.

In the fifty-second year of the foundation of the city the people of Tatilulco petitioned for a ruler Teçuxomutli, the lord of Escapuçalco, and he gave them for their master Teutleuac, whose rule did not endure forty days, for he bore too hardly upon their braves, and they helped him in no manner. Teçucumutli, who was a Mexican, was chosen for their lord by those of Escapuçalco, as one of the two which it was their custom to have, and they have always had that number, and have to this day.

Quaquanpuanaque was the second ruler of the Tatilulcans whom the lord of Escapuçalco gave them; his reign lasted fifty days, at the end of which time they fled away from him; he is represented with claws on his feet. In the fifty third year of the foundation, Acamapichi was made ruler of Mexico. In the fifty-sixth year the Mexicans made war upon the Suchimilcans, and burnt their temple; and in the year 59 Acamapichi conquered Mezquiqué. In the year 63 from the foundation of the city there went forth from Mexico forty men and women by Guaximalpan, and the Otomis of Matalçingo found them, and slew them by treachery in Cuitralavaca (sic).

In the seventieth year from the foundation of the city Acamapichi conquered Cuitralavaca, and burnt for them their temple. In the seventy-third year Lord Acamapichi died, and they made Vichilivci, the son of Acamapichi, their ruler. In the year 75 Miciaçixiuci, the daughter of Escoaçi, lord of Cuernavaca, <sup>51</sup> wife of Viciliuçi, bore Mutiçuma, the elder, who first was called Iluican Minaçi, and afterward Mutiçuma; because his father was lord against the will of very many people, the son changed his name into Mutiçuma, which signifies angry lord. In the year 79 a sister of Viciliuçi married with Istlisuchilci, lord of Tezcuco, and bore Neçavalcuyuci, who became lord of Tezcuco. In the year 81 the Mexicans conquered Quaximalpan from the Otomies.

In the year 85 from the foundation of the city the Mexicans conquered Capiscla, and in the same year Quanximilco, in the province of Chalco, and in the next year they waged war against all the aforesaid peoples, and in that year they gave themselves up. In the ninetieth year from the foundation they conquered Tezquiaque. In the ninety-second year the Mexicans sent out seven of their chieftains to ascertain if the peoples of Puchitlan were for war, and as they passed by Xaltocan three of them were treacherously made captive and murdered, and the other four escaped by [634] flight. In the next following year conquered the province of Tazcuco, and they began upon Tepepan, much against the wishes of its ruler, who, when he saw them. went away and fled to Tezmuluco, a town



of Suyocingo; the father (here occurs a lacuna) being dead, because they were at peace with the Mexicans.

In the following year 94, Viçiluicin died, and they took for their lord a brother of his named Chimalpupucaçi. In the year 97 the people of Tuzcuco gave themselves up to Chimalpupucaçi, and in the same year they captured Tulancingo, and the Mexicans were a whole year in making themselves masters of it. In the year 99 the people of Tatiluco fled to Tula, and as they had died out, and had left their god, named Tlacauepan there, so they took him and carried him to Tatilulco. In the year 105 from the foundation of Mexico, Teçocumuc, lord of Escapuçalco, died, and as Maxtlato, son of Çocumuc was lord of Cuiuacan in the lifetime of his father, and as his father was now dead, he came to be lord of Escapuçalco; and this one gave orders that there should be a general uprising against Mexico, and when Ximalpupucaçi saw that the land was in rebellion, he slew himself, and being dead the Mexicans chose as their lord one of his brothers named Izcuacı; and when Tlacateulti lord of Tatilulcoco saw the great force and command that the lord of Escapuçalco had, he fled away from him, but to no avail, for he was captured near the fountain of Saltoca, and there they slew them; and it was because formerly, when he was lord of Escapuçalco, the lord of Tatiluco seduced his wife, and for that reason the captive was ordered to be slain; and in this year Neçagualcuyuci fled from Tezcuco, \* because the Tezcucans were in revolt against Mexico. In the following year 106, the natives of the country endeavored to make war against Mexico, by order of the lord of Escapuçalco, but one of the chiefs of Escapuçalco, named Totolayo, made peace with Mexico in the year 108, and the inhabitants of Mexico would not permit of a peace unless they slew the lord of Escapuçalco, and seeing how on account of their desire for a peace they could do no other thing, they caused him to be slain, and so it was done (In the year 109 Tatilulco rose in revolt), and in the year 112 they came into conflict with the Mexicans. In the next year, 113, Quautlatoaçi, the lord of Tatiluco (sic), revolted against Mexico, and one night in his dreams there appeared to him one of the gods they worshiped who told him he had done wrongly, and for this reason he rendered himself up at Mexico, and the Mexicans were unwilling to slay him, so they handed him over to his own people that they might put him to death, and so they killed him. In the [year] 117 the Mexicans gained Guautitlan, and in the next year Izcoaci died, and they raised to be their lord Muticuma, the elder. In the year 125 of the foundation of Mexico, Vchilobos (sic), renewed himself, and made himself enormous.

In the 128 at the Easter-of-Bread season there fell such a terrible hail, and so much of it that the houses were destroyed and fell in ruins, and the lagoon froze up. In the year 132 there was terrible hail and famine, so much [635] so that in the next year it was

ordered that if one took but a thread of maize, even if the maize field belonged to him, he should die for the act. In the year 136 Moteçuma the elder, having made a round buckler (or disk: rodela) of stone, the same which Rodrigo Gomez drew forth, caused it to be buried at the door of his house, and placed a hole in the middle of it, and it was a very big hole, and in that hollow they placed the captives taken in war, fastening them to it, so that they could command only their arms, and gave them a shield and a sword of wood, and they brought in three men dressed respectively as a lion, a tiger, and an eagle, and all these fought the prisoner, and wounded him; then they took a large knife and cut out his heart; they made these knives out of stone, under this enormous large and round stone; and afterwards the others who were lords of Mexico made two other stones and placed them, each lord his own, one over the other, and the one they took away, <sup>52</sup> and it stands to this day underneath the baptismal font; and the other was broken up and burned when the Spaniards entered, and the very first persons who used this stone were the people of Cuaistravaca.

In the year 139 Cruistravaca was taken, and much precious stones were brought to Muteçuma. In the year 141 the Mexicans took Quetlasta. In the year 147 Moteçuma (sic), died, and Axayacaçi, his son, was raised to be lord. In the year 151 Mochiuçi, the lord of Tutilulco, surrendered himself to Mexico, and in the next year the people of Quetlastla revolted on account of the annual tribute of twenty men, and they took refuge in a house filled with red pepper (agí), and consumed themselves with fire; but soon in the year 153 they were subjugated. Next year Axayacaçi made Citlalcoaçi the lord of Malinalco. In the year 155 Axayacaçi seized three men himself, and was wounded, and so he personally gained Matalçingo. The following year, 159, Axayacaçi died, and they made his brother, Tizçoçicaçi, lord of Mexico.

The following year, 160, they endeavored to make Vchilobi very large, and almost all, even to the infants, set to work on him. Next year they held a festival in the temple of Vchilovi (sic), with the blood of the Matalçingos and Tlaulans, for they slew many of them. In the year Tizçoçicaçi died, and his younger brother Auçoçi was raised to be lord of Mexico. Next year Vchiloci (sic) was finished by Auçoçi and he sacrificed many people on that occasion. In 176 the water rose so high in the lake, especially the river of Cuiuacan, that all the houses were drowned and the water came up to the first circle of Vchilobi, and the houses which were of adobe fell in; and it is said that the water that rose was black and full of vipers, and it was looked upon as a miracle. In 180 Auçoçi (sic), died, and was succeeded by his brother Muteçuma, who was the last lord. In 182 Muteçuma built a temple to Quicalcoatla, where, at the present time, stands the house of the bishop, and covered the roof with straw. Next year the lightning fell on it. and consumed it, 'twas said

that the bolt was sped by Tlaloque, the god of water. They built a very large temple to the honor [636] of Çintelil, the son of Piciutetl. In the year 184 the inhabitants of Mexico slew many of those of Çoçola, whom they had captured in war; having stretched them out on two pieces of wood in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, they shot them to death with arrows, and every year they celebrated this festival. In the 185th year from the foundation of Mexico, the fifty-two years were completed, and Muteçuma celebrated the festival for the last time. In the [year] 189 there appeared an omen in the heavens, which arose from near the summit of the volcano and floated on high over the city, and it was of a white color as broad as two arms; and Moteçuma endeavored to discover what this thing might portend, and his wise men responded that it foretold his decease in that year, and it turned out that this was the very year in which the Christians appeared on their journey to this land. In the year 193 the Tascalans <sup>52\*</sup> laid siege to Guaxocingo, and they were reduced to great straits through hunger, until Muteçuma brought them assistance, and took some of them to Mexico, and others of them he placed there for his defence; and they prayed to Camastle, their god, and after that they had made an end of prayer, they rose in revolt so that the Mexicans let go their prisoners and returned to the city; and the people of Guaxocingo slew the Mexican women who had intermarried with the men of Guaxocingo, and all their sons, because they were of Mexican blood.

In the year 196 in Guaçacalco (sic), came two ships which were received at Vera Cruz de Paz, to spy on whom Muteçuma sent one of his people, and soon Muteçuma said that these were his gods; the ships remained at Guaçacualco (sic), and said they would return a year later; <sup>53</sup> the day they arrived at Guaçacalco was called centochil; the port of Vera Cruz bore the name of Chalchuecan. In the year 197 came the Marquis to New Spain to whom Muteçuma sent an envoy to Vera Cruz with many shields and plumes, and a sun made of gold, and a star of silver; they made themselves understood by the Indians by means of an interpreter named Marina. <sup>54</sup> Afterwards the Marquis came to Cempoal, where they received him with trumpets. Thence he proceeded to Tascala, where the warriors sallied forth to battle, and all who came forth were slain; and he being informed that the Tascalans desired to massacre the Chululans, he joined with them in another place and slew them all. It is said that whilst the Marquis was in Chulula, he sent Alvarado to the province of Chalco, who returned with the information that the land and the people were both bad, and that he should turn back; on which Tamaya, the lord of Çempoal said that he had better march to Mexico, where Muteçuma lived very richly, and that everything he owned was made of gold, and that he styled himself lord. The Marquis was forty days in Chulula. Then there came on the behalf of Muteçuma, Viznagual, the father of Tapía, who was with the Marquis, to tell him by the orders of

Muteçuma, that he would give him much gold and silver if he would turn home again; him the Marquis caused to be seized which caused great fear to Muteçuma. (In this year 198 was held the festival of Vchilobi), and Muteçuma died from the effect of a blow with a stone thrown by one of his [637] own subjects, who would not listen to him, but used opprobrious language to him; and they put in their Vchilobi beams, and the bravest soldiers whom the Spaniards were unable to rescue when they left the city, and who were all put to death. One night the Marquis left the city and went to Tascula, where he was received by its lord, Xicotenga.

On the death of Muteçuma, the Mexicans chose for their lord Cuitlavaci, lord of Estapalapa, a brother of Muteçuma, he ruled eighty days, the smallpox <sup>55</sup> broke out throughout all the Indians, and many perished before they returned to subjugate the city.

The Marquis came to Tezcucuo having conquered all the land in its vicinity, and the people of Chalco made war on it; while he was in Tezcucuo, Guatemuça, son of Viçoçi, was chosen lord. and he made war on Chalco, and without cause he slew six of their chiefs (in the year 199). It took the Marquis eighty days to conquer his way to Mexico. The Marquis made Istisuchl lord of Mexico, who in the year 200 died, lord of Tezcucuo, and Juan Velasquez, deposed him. and reigned eighty days. Guatemuça was made lord of Tatilulco (year 201), and presently sent to all the surrounding people to call them to a war against Mexico; and these people came at once and informed Juan Velasquez of the matter, and he said it made no odds to him, for he was not its lord. The Marquis left new Spain in peace and went to Honduras (called in Indian Guaimula), and left his subordinate deputy, Peralmildez, as Captain-General, and returned to Castile. Don Martin, son of Muteçuma (year 202), and the deputy who were named in place of the Marquis, made requisitions on the Mexicans for gold and silver, and they put to the torture one Rodrigo De Paez, because he would not tell where the Marquis kept his gold and valuables, and finally as he would not give them the information, they hung him (year 203); when the Marquis returned, he seized the factor and overseer, but did not punish them as they had deserved, but sent them back to Spain (year 204). The Marquis made Tapia, Governor of Mexico, his Deputy, and in this year 205, Nuño de Guzman came to Panuco. The Marquis departed for Castile. In the year 206 there were rains of bloody drops, and it was the Sabbath about two o'clock, and everybody saw them, and in this year there appeared an omen in the sky of a white color, and shaped like a lance. In the year 207 Nuño de Guzman left for Nueva Galicia, and the four councillors of Castile came, Salmeron, Maldonado, Çainos and Quiroga; <sup>56</sup> they made Don Pablo, Governor.

[CHAPTER 21] [p.638]

[Various Notes on Cosmology, History, and Laws]

[Note By H. P., Jr.-- Here follows what should have been a chapter by itself, being entirely disconnected from the subject already treated of. The historical part has come to an end, and this seems like an addition by another hand, being somewhat of a repetition of matters previously touched upon.]

They calculate their year from the March equinox, when the sun casts a direct shadow, and as soon as they can notice that the sun is beginning to rise <sup>57</sup> they count it as the first day, and from the twenty to twenty days, which make their months: they reckon their year with five days omitted, so their year only comprises 360 days; and from the day which was the [638] equinox they reckon the day of their feasts, and so feast of bread, which was the day of the nativity of Vchilobi from the plume, was the day when the sun was in declination, and so as to the other festivals.

The Mexican Indians believed that in the first heaven there was a star Çitalmene, <sup>58</sup> which was a woman, and Tetel Latorras (sic), who was a male, whom Tenacatecli (sic) made for guardians of the skies, and the woman never is seen because she is on the road that the heavens make.

In the second (heaven) they say there are certain women who have no flesh whatever, but are all bones, named Teçauçigua, <sup>58</sup> and otherwise called Çiçimine; and that these are placed there so that when the world comes to end, their duty will be to eat up all the men.

And when the old people are asked when the end of the world shall come, they say they don't know unless it is when the gods themselves shall all become extinct, and Tlazquitlepuca (sic) shall carry away the sun, and then all things shall pass away.

In the third (heaven) are the 400 men whom Tezcatlapuca (sic) created, and who were of five colors, yellow, black, white, blue and red, so these kept ward in the heavens. <sup>23</sup>

In the fourth were all manner of birds who from thence descended to the earth.

In the fifth were vipers of fire, whom the Fire-god had made, and from them issue the comets and omens of the heavens.

In the sixth were all the winds.

The seventh was full of dust which thence came down on earth.

In the eighth all the gods came together, and from there no one could ever ascend higher, to where dwelled Tenacatli (sic) and his wife; and no one knows what is in the rest of the upper heavens.

Being questioned as to the sun's whereabouts, they replied that he dwelt in the air, and traveled in daytime and not at night, because he returned to the east when he had reached the summit at midday, and that his light then was that which already shone forth towards his setting place; and that the moon is always traveling after the sun, and never catches up with him.

Being questioned as to the matter of thunder and lightning, they said that the Water-god had many subjects made by him, who carried each one an earthen money-jug <sup>13</sup> and a rod, and that from these earthen vessels they cast down the rain, and that the thunder was when they struck the vessels with their rods, and that the lightning flashed from these vessels.

The people of Culhuacan say that they came, conjointly with the Mexicans to Tula, and there they split and went direct to Culhuacan, and thence to Suchimilco and Malinalco and Ocuyla. These four towns they settled and on the way peopled Cuicuilavaca, and so 120 years passed away, and afterwards the Mexicans came and arrived at Chapultepec, as has been said, and waged war on the people of Culhuacan.

In the histories of Mexico, represented by Indian paintings, are shown many naked Indians, at whose beginning are some clothed in plants, [639] thereby meaning to convey that when they fled to Mexico they were dressed in that manner, and that they subsisted on what they could obtain by fishing, and that they had to undergo great hardships; and they paint no more valiant warriors. And these were forty years without a lord. The first lord of the Mexicans was named Acamapichil, who lived twenty years. In this time it happened that two women misbehaved, <sup>59</sup> the one with the other, and they stoned them to death close to Escapuzcalco, which is called Teculuapa; before this judicial act was performed, the lord of Escapuzcalco reported it to him of Guatlinchan, and the two reported it to the lord of Mexico, and all of them ordered it to be done. And likewise came to pass that Xilot Iztac, daughter of Anil Mixtli, was married to the brother of the lord of Escapuzcalco (sic), and when he died his brother, the lord of Escapuzcalco, took her for his wife; and she went off to Suchimilco, and did wickedness with Ananacalt, and when it became known to the three lords, they took them and stoned them to death. They say it was the custom that a brother's widow could not lawfully remarry except with a surviving brother, and if she married any one else she forfeited her lands and all her possessions. The first lord of Escapuzcalco was named Teçoçomucli.



At this very same time it came to pass that two lads stole the grains of maize that had been sowed in the earth, and they were taken and sold for slaves, and the price paid for each one was five mantas.

And in these days it happened that a woman stole certain maize from a granary, and a man saw her and told her that if she would let him lie with her he would not inform on her, and she did so; but afterwards the man accused her of the deed, and the woman confessed all that had taken place, whereupon she was acquitted, and the man was given as a slave to the owner of the maize.

At this time it happened that two lads robbed five ears of maize before it had ripened, and they were ordered to be hung, as it was a greater crime to take them before they were mature than afterwards. And when the first lord of Mexico was dead, the Mexicans remained three years without a ruler, after which they chose Viçiliutli, son of their first lord, who lived twenty-five years. In his time it came to pass that a man of Tezcucu kept a watch over his wife, and three days after her confinement he caught her with the sacristan of the temples, and he seized them and the three lords condemned them to death. And it also happened that a man found his wife with another man, slew the man and not the women, and she came back to live with her husband, for which reason both she and he were put to death.

When the second lord died the Mexicans chose Chimalpupuca for their ruler, who lived eleven years. In the days of this third lord it happened in Chimaloacan that a woman saw a drunken man and went to him and lay with him, and for this they stoned the woman, but inflicted no punishment whatever upon the man.

And at this time it happened that a man of Tenayuca had a granary of [640] maize, and from Guatlitlan robbed him by an enchantment cast upon it, for he fell into a deep sleep by this contrivance, and the man and his wife took all they found; and when this was known to the three lords they were both condemned to death, the man and his wife.

He who stole a hen was enslaved, but he who took a dog was not punished, for they said that the dog had teeth wherewith to defend itself.

When the third lord died the Mexicans elected to that power Izcoaçi. And at this time the Escapuçalcans commenced a war against the Mexicans and called on the people of Tezcucu and Tultitlan, Quautitlan, Tenayuca, Tlacuba, Atlacubaya, Cuhuacan, Culiacan, Suchimilco, Cuitlavaca, and Mizquique; all these peoples marched against Mexico, and were vanquished.

Whilst the Mexicans were ruled by lords that part of Tatilulco, which now is known as Santiago, was likewise under rulers, for whilst Acamapichil and Vichiliuitli reigned in Mexico, which was for forty years, in Tatilulco ruled Quaquapuauaque, the father of the lord of Escapulcalco; this latter was for two years ruler of Mexico before they had a lord in Mexico; he lived forty years. And while there ruled in Mexico Chimalpupuçi and Izcoaçi, there reigned in Tatilulco, Tlacateuçi, son of the first, who lived twenty-three years. Whilst Muteçuma the elder reigned in Mexico, in Tatilulco ruled Quatlatoaçi, son of Tlatecuçi, and he slew the former, and lived thirty years. Whilst in Mexico ruled Axayacaçi, in Tatilulco ruled Moquiuiçin, brother of the last, and married to the sister of Axayacaçi, and on her account there was war between the two because she gave out her husband was a man of war who had conquered the Cotastans and Mexicans, and on that account his neighbors hired his services. Whilst Teçiçicaçi ruled in Mexico, in Tatilulco ruled Ouacoizçiçi. Tacaxcal Tecli and Tlaueloquiçi, and Tatilulco. Whilst Auçoçi ruled in Mexico, in Tatilulco reigned Çiquac Pupucu, who was the son of Tacatecal, and son of Quatlatoaçiçij, and Yalocoauiçi. Whilst in Mexico Muteçuma then reigned, in Tatilulco there ruled Topantemitçi, Ticoque and Aguatal, grandson of Muquiniçi and Yzciaçi Tacuxcalcotlequinal, and this one could not [59\\*](#) with Muteçuma. While Muteçuma and Juan Velazquez and Tapia were governors of Mexico, he who at first was not a chief personage in the time of the Marquis, Don Juan, was governor of Tatilulco, the father of him who is governor to-day, and he was a common man and maçegual of Mexico.

They held certain laws in war which they executed in grand style; and it was the custom that if the captains sent out a messenger and he did not tell the truth he died for that; and likewise they had another law that any one who should give advice to their adversaries should die for it, and likewise they slew any man who lay with a captive woman, and likewise he who was captured alive was slain. And if one captured a prisoner alive and another tried to rescue him, it was punished with death. In war-time they had five captains who at the same time were judges. There was a person who hunted up crimes and painted them, and gave the [641] information to the five lords jointly, and after consultation with the chief lord there were other five who carried into execution what the five had decreed.

There were other laws in their Tianguetz or fairs which are as follows: If the son of the lord turned out a gambler and a swindler (tahur), and sold his father's possessions or other portion of land, he was secretly choked to death, and if he was a maçegual or fisherman, he was sold into slavery. Likewise, if one stole magueys to the number of twenty to make honey, they should pay as many mantas as the judges should ordain, and if the party did not own



sufficient or if there were more magueys, he or they became a slave or slaves. Whoever should borrow mantas as a loan, and neglect to repay them, should be a slave. A theft of a fishing net was to be paid for in mantas, and if the party did not own them he became a slave. If one stole a canoe or vessel in which people went, he should pay the value of the canoe in mantas, and if he had not enough he became a slave. If a man lay with a woman slave who was under age he became a slave also with her, and if she became sick and died, he became a slave, and if she did not die he paid for her cure.

If any one brought a slave to Escapuçalco, where there was a slave mart, and the purchaser gave mantas for him, and the seller unfolded them and was content with them, if afterward he rued his bargain he should return the mantas, but the slave became free. If any one did not grow up to natural size, and the relations sold him, and it was known afterwards, when he had come of age, the judges should order as many mantas to be paid as to them seemed fit to give his owner, and the slave became free. If a slave woman fled away and was sold to another person, upon its being discovered, she should return to her master and the price be lost that was paid for her.

If a man lie with a slave, and she dies, being pregnant, he shall become the slave of her master, but if she conceive and bring forth a child, the child is free, and shall belong to its father. <sup>60</sup> If any conspire to sell a free man for a slave, and the fact become known, all who took part in the affair shall become slaves, and one of them shall be given to the purchaser, and the others be divided between the mother of the person wrongfully enslaved, and the informer who discovered the transaction. Any persons who administer potions with intent to procure death shall be strangled for the same, but if the person murdered was a slave, the murderer shall become the slave of his master. If any one shall steal as much as twenty arribas of maize, he shall die for it, but if less he shall be redeemed by a ransom.

He who steals unripened maize shall be beaten to death with rods. He who steals the yetecomatl, a species of gourd fastened with thongs, and worn on the head with tufts of feathers, such as the lords wear, sprinkled with green tobacco. he who steals it shall be garroted to death. He who steals a chalchui, which was a string with certain computations forbidden to be owned by men of low degree, shall be stoned to death in the [642] Tianguetz, wherever he may be. And he who in the Tianguetz <sup>61</sup> shall steal anything from the dwellers within the Tianguetz, shall be stoned to death. Highway robbers were also to be publicly stoned to death. Any priest who got drunk was to be slain in the house where he became intoxicated, and to be beaten to death with clubs; and the

marriageable youth who got drunk was taken to a house known as tepuxcali, where he was choked to death; and any person of importance who held public office and got drunk, was deprived of his position, and if he was a warrior they took away from him the title of valiant man. If a father lay with his daughter, both were to be strangled to death by a rope passed around both their throats. He who lay with his sister was to be strangled with the garrote, a crime they considered detestable; and if one woman lay with another, they strangled them with the garrote. If a pontiff was found with a woman, they slew him secretly with the garrote or burned him alive, tearing down his house, and forfeiting all his possessions, and all who knew the matter and kept silence about it and concealed it, were likewise put to death. There was no punishment for adulterers unless they were taken in flagrante delictu, in which case when caught they were stoned to death publicly.

## [CHAPTER 22] [p.642]

Whence originated the Lords of Tochimilco.

The beginning of these lords was one Yzcoatl who came from Tula, and dwelt in Atlixco where they received him for their ruler, and afterwards he left them and settled in Xuctectitl and Vepevcan, now known as Tuchomilco, and there he died. His wife was named Chimalmaçi, and likewise she came from Tula. On his death his son Tonaltemitl succeeded him whose wife was Çalpaloci, a native of Petlauca. On his death Çintlavlilçi succeeded to his father's power, his wife was Teyacapançi; he was a native of Cuyuacan, and left sons, who, however, did not inherit his position.

On Çintlavlilçi's death his two brothers, named Yxteveyuçi and Çivacoaçi succeeded him in reign, and they held equal powers; their wives were natives of Vepetlavca. On the death of these two lords they were followed in their seignory by two others, Cacamaçi and Civacoaçi; Cacamaçi was uncle of Civacoaçi, who was the son of Yxteveyuçi, and their wives were natives of Vepetlavaca. On the death of these two lords, Cuapili succeeded to the throne, and he was a grandson of Civacvac; who was lord before the other two; and Cuapili, while still living, made his son, Mixcoaci, ruler of a certain portion of the people; the wives of the father and son were from Petlauca, and in the days of these came the Xpianos. \* When these were dead, Don Miguel and Don Juan succeeded them, of whom Don Miguel was the more powerful; and he came to the seignory, because his uncle was Cuapili, and the former came forth in peace to the Christians, while the latter fled away. The Marquis made him lord with the consent of the people. Don Juan was his brother Mixcoaci, and for [643] this reason succeeded to the

seignory; the wife of Don Miguel was of Quizuquechula, and that of Don Juan of Aupetlavaca.

## [CHAPTER 23] [p.643]

Of the Manner in which they Reckon their Months and Days.

It is to be remarked that they consider twenty days as their week or month, counting in both the first and the last as being but one day, as if we should say there were eight days in the week, reckoning Sunday as both first and last. Also they count time from four years to four years, because they do not number their years higher. Also (a lacuna, \* \*)

In these festivals when the sacrifice is offered by the pontiffs, <sup>62</sup> they cover up their heads with certain white mantas on which they arrange white plumes, I mean on their heads, and they robe themselves in a painted shirt open in front, and in this manner they sacrifice.

## APPENDIX. [p.643]

Annotations and Corrections to the Codex Ramirez.

1 Tonacatecli, called by Brinton (who follows the classical authorities) Tonacatecutli and his wife Tonacacihuatl. The name Tonacatecutli is supposed to signify Lord of our Existence, and Tonaca Cihuatl to mean Queen of our Existence (Vide Am. Hero Myths, p. 73 and note.)

2 There were two Tezcatlipocas, the red and the black, of whom the myths blended. (Brinton, A.H.M., 73.) The names of these four brothers are differently stated by various authors. Tezcatlipoca-Camaxtli was the spirit of darkness (co. lib., 68). (The shining mirror.) Stone seats were placed around the streets for him to repose on, on which no native ever dared to sit. Clavigero, 1, 244.

His principal image was Teotetl (divine stone), black and shining like marble and richly dressed. He was called by Herrera (III, ii, ch. XV) Tezcaltiputça; by Boturini (p. 11) Tezcatlipoca; by Garcia (IV, 300) Tlezcatipuca; Titlacauan was also one of his common names, meaning "we are his slaves." (A.H.M., 106.)

Of the three names, the one given by Boturini is correct. According to Mendoza (Anales de Museo Mexicano), the meaning of the word is brightness, darkness and smoke, being the silver resplendency of

the moon illuminating the darkness of the night, breaking through a smoke-like obscurity.

Brinton (Am. Hero Myths, p. 71), leans to the more generally received interpretation of smoky mirror (from Tezcapoctli), meaning the rising of the mist from the surface of the waters. Tezcatlipoca was the god of gods, compared by Garcia to Jupiter, the supreme invisible essence, "the most sublime figure in the Indian Pantheon" (Brinton, lib. cit., 69); also the youth, omnipotent, exacting of prayer, creator and disposer of men; the enemy, the worker and night wind. The divine Providence according to Boturini. See [note 7](#).

3 Camaxtli. Also called Teotlamacà zqui (the hieroglyphic of the priests). Tezcatlipoca- Camaxtli the spirit of darkness. (American Hero Myths, Brinton, ch. 3. p. 68.) Tiitlacàhuan, we are thy slaves. (Bot. xi.) (Cf. [Note 27](#)).

4 Quatzalcoatl (Bot. 11.) Herrera 3, 3, xiv. Quetzalcoatl (Brinton A.H.M.), passim. Quetzalcohuatl (Bot. 25) hieroglyphic of the Air. Quetzalcoatl (Garcia, IV, vii, 262), was a "white man with a beard, of industry and intelligence, who fled from the tyranny of Huemac (the great hand), King of Tula, and took refuge at Cholulla. He is the spirit of light and culture, ever engaged in a continual warfare with his brother, Tazcatlipoca, the spirit of darkness. (A.H.M.)

Quetzalcoatl (Clavigero, 1, 218), "feathered serpent," god of the air.

Vetancourt (Clav. 1, 250). Coatl, a twin, Quetzalli, a gem.  
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Queçalcoatl, por otro nombre yagualiecatl. The name was applied to him in his relation to the winds, whose ruler he was, the words Yahualli ecatl, meaning "the Wheel of the Winds." Yahualli is from the root yaual or youal, circular or round, and the towers where he was worshiped were of this form. (A.H.M., 121.)

5 Om tecilt. Qy. Ometochtli (two rabbits), the god of wine.

Omiticult. Clavigero 1, 245.

Ometeuctli and omicihuatl, god and goddess residing in heaven, propitious to mortals: Also known as Citlallalonac and Citlalicue.

6 Moyocoya, or more properly moyocoyatzin, is the third person singular of the verb yocoya, to do, with the respectful or reverential termination tzin (A.H.M., 70), meaning "he who acts or does." Ramirez translates it as "the omnipotent" (todo poderoso); Brinton,

the determined doer. The title is given him in reference to his demiurgic power.

7 Evidently an error for the terrible war-god, Huitzilopochtli. (Boturini 27; Herrera III, iii, 17, Vitziliputzli. Lorenzana, I. Huitzilopotzil.)

In the sixteenth century it was customary to express the same sound indiscriminately by Vi and Hui. (Orozco y Berra. Anales II, i, 71.)

Garcia (IV, 300) Huitzilopuctli answers to Mars. In this author the name occurs most frequently as Vitzilipuctli.

Vchilobos. Clavigero (Cullen 1, 254). Huitzilin, a humming bird. Opochtli, left.

Boturini wrong. The Spaniards, unable to pronounce the name, usually called him Huichilobos. Orozco y Berra (Anales II, 1, p. 71), thinks that of an the forms Vitziliutl is the most correct.

8 Çipactonal, Boturini 46, the father superior to the son.) Çipastonal and Uxumuco, more properly Çipactonal and Oxomuco. (Oxomozco, Boturini, p. 46), whose names have not been as yet satisfactorily explained. "Tonal is no doubt from tena to shine, and cipactli\*\*\* from chipauac, beautiful or clear. (A.H.M., 74. Vide Chavero, Anales, II, 116.)

9 Maize. Maize was the emblem of Centeotl, goddess of cereals, who was the same as Xilomen (from Xilotl, a young grain of maize). She was also the same as Tzazolteotl, the Venus vaga, goddess of impure love. L'Écriture hieratique Maya par Leon de Rosny, p. 185.

10 Tlalocatecli. Tlaloc was, according to Boturini (p. 72), the second deity and quasi minister of the Divine Providence. Brinton (A.H.M., 75, 123) considers him as the god of darkness; his name being, according to some, wine of the earth. Tlal (tlalli, earth) oc (ocqui), wine of the maguey plant; according to others, dweller on earth, tlalli (the earth) and onac (being).

The name according to Brinton (A.H.M., 123) should be Tlalocotecutli, lord of the wine of the earth.

Garcia (IV, ii, 139, ch. vii) Tlalocatecutli is the god of water; Tlaloc (IV, viii, ii, 143).

Clavigero 1, 251. Tlaloc, god of water; he resided on the highest mountains where the clouds are formed.

11 Chalchiuhcueitl (Boturini 25). La della Saya de Piedras preciosas, hieroglyphic of water; is generally shown with reeds. Probably took her origin among canebrakes. Cf. Venus sprung from the Sea.

Chalchiuitlicue, Chalchihuitlicue, Brinton. (A.H.M. 123, p.75), From Chalchihuitl, jade. Cueitl, skirt, petticoat. Cf. Kilt.

If Tlaloc was the god of water and tropical rains, may not his wife have signified the verdant results from his beneficial showers.

Chalchihuitlicue. Clavigero (tr. Cullen I, 240), goddess of water, 252. The high priest wore the same habit in which they represented her as the goddess of water. Cf. p. 252, for names given by Torquemada and Boturini.

Chalchihuitlique was the goddess of water and companion of Tlaloc. Torquemada calls her Xochiquetzal, and Boturini, Macuixochiquezalli (Clavigero I, 252). According to the Codex Telleriano-Remensis, Chalchiutli saved herself from the [645] deluge. Her name signifies "The woman adorned with a dress of precious stones. According to Sahagun she was the sister of the Tlalocs, the rain gods (Codex Troano, 102).

Chalchiuhhteuh, a modo de Esmeralda. Sandoval, Gram. Mex., 53.

12 Alcançia, literally, a money-jug of earthenware.

13 Hunchback. It was the custom among the Aztec lords to have among their attendants for their diversion hunchbacks, just as the Mediaeval barons had in their train their fools and jesters. The sacred cavern was that of Cincalco.

Quetzalcoatl was followed in his passage of the Sierra Nevada by hunchbacks, who mostly froze to death (A.H.M., 115). These formed part of the suite of the last Montezuma. They were interred with their Caciques. (Herrera ii, 165.) Chalco, seems to be derived from Challi, an emerald. Buschman, 689.

14 Called Çipagli in preceding part of the chapter.

Çipactli (A.H.M., 74, 126). the great fish. Cf. the fish Oannes in the Chaldaean mythology, Dagon of the Philistines and Phoenicians, Pisces of the Syrian and Egyptian Zodiac: supposed to be sun myths, the sun rising out of the East.

Cipoconal and Oxomuco, the first created pair, qy. pisces of the Zodiac, &c. Note 9. Chavero (Anales I, vii, 245) considers Cipactli the first light below the horizon.

Jesus is represented as a fish, because the Messiah in the Talmud is called Dag, i.e., the fish. King's Gnostic's and their remains, 138.

15 Tlalteccli, the earth, from tlalli, the earth.

16 The wife of this son was made of the hairs of the divine mother of the four brethren-gods, whose name was Xochiquetzal (Beautiful rose). (A.H.M., 73, 74.)

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17 Garcia (Origin de los Indios, V, iv, 327), gives a different recount of the creation of which the following is a résumé:

"At the distance of a league and a half from Guaxaca, in an Indian settlement named Cuilapa, there is a convent of my order whose Vicar, at the time of my coming there, owned a MSS. volume, \* \* \* written in the figures used by the Mexicans, and with the explanations thereof, setting forth the origin and creation of the world, and the deluge, &c. This book I tried by all manner of means to obtain, but the holy father set too great a store on it to part with it, but permitted me to make such extracts from it as I desired.

"In the year and in the day of darkness and clouds, before there were any days or years, the world was plunged into total obscurity, and all was chaos and confusion; the earth was covered with the waters, and there was nothing but mud and débris over the face of the globe in these days there appeared visible to sight a god whose name was the stag (Ciervo), and whose surname was Lion-viper (Culebra de lion), and a very charming and beautiful goddess, whose name was likewise Ciervo, and whose surname was Tiger viper (Culebra de tigre). From these divinities originated all the other gods of the Indians. As soon as these two gods appeared they took on human shape, and being omnipotent and omniscient, they founded a huge rock (Peña), on which they built sumptuous palaces, made with the greatest art, where was their home, and their abode on earth; and on the summit of the most lofty part of the palaces, there stood an axe of copper with its edge upwards, upon which the heavens rested. This rock and the palaces of the gods were on a very lofty mountain peak (Cerro) near the pueblo of Apoala, in the Province known as Mixteca Alta. This rock, in the language of that people, bore for its name The-place-where-the-heaven-was, by which they meant to express that it was the Paradise and abode of all manner of pleasure and happiness, and where there was an abundance of everything that was good, and where not the slightest element was ever lacking to complete felicity. This place was where the gods abode at their first coming

on earth, where they remained many ages in quiet and contented rest, as the locality was so pleasant and charming, but the world was all in darkness and clouds. \* \* \* Of these gods, the father and mother of all the other divinities, in their palaces and court, were born two sons, very beautiful, shrewd and learned in all the arts and sciences. The first was called The-wind-of-the-nine-vipers, which he took from the name of the day on which he was born; the second received the appellation of the Wind-of-the-nine-caverns, that being likewise the name of the day on which his nativity occurred. These two youths were brought up in great pomp. The elder when he would amuse himself, took the form of an eagle and went flying through the highest skies, the second transformed himself into a tiny animal in the form of a winged snake, with which he flew through the air with so great a velocity and subtlety that he penetrated the hardest rocks, and became invisible. The effect of which was that those who were over his head could hear the noise and turmoil that was made below. The meaning of these figures was to exhibit the power that these gods possessed of transforming themselves and of their returning to their own shapes.

"These brothers then remained in their paternal home, living in comfort and peace; they bethought themselves that they would make an offering and sacrifice to the gods, their parents, to effect which they took censers of clay with burning embers upon which they cast a certain quantity of ground poison in lieu of incense. This, say the Indians, was the first offering ever made in the world. After they had made this oblation, the brothers created a pleasure garden for their recreation, in which they placed trees and flowers, fruits and roses, sweet-smelling plants and other varieties of vegetation Here in this garden and orchard. they refreshed and recreated themselves all the time and they made near it another pleasure-ground (Prado), in which were stored all manner of things necessary for the oblations and sacrifices which they had to make and offer to the gods, their parents.

"Whenever these brothers left the house of their parents, they disported themselves in this garden, taking care of the trees and plants, and seeing to their increase and preservation, and offering from time to time the aforesaid oblation of poison, &c. They prayed to their parents at the same time, making vows and promises, and supplicating them by virtue of the oblation which they were offering, and through the other sacrifices they gave them, that they would think well of creating a heaven, and that they should shed a light upon the world, that they should create the earth, or rather let the waters sink and the dry ground appear, for that they had no other abode and resting place than the narrow limits of their garden and orchard. And still more to force the gods to accede to their request, the suppliants pierced their ears with lancets of flint, drawing blood from them in torrents. This they did also to their



tongues, and with the blood they sprinkled the branches and trunks of the trees by means of a sprinkler made of the branches of the willow tree as a thing holy and blessed. This action they performed to show their entire submission to the will of their parents whom they regarded as being greater gods than themselves. \* \* \* These gods had children \* \* \* after which there was a general deluge in which many of the gods were drowned. When this had ceased, the creation of the heavens and the earth was begun by a god whom they name Creator of all things, who restored the human race, from which was populated the Mixtec kingdom."

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### 18 OF THE MEXICAN YEAR.

Boturini 2		Gemelli (Anales I, 7, 299).
1 Tecpatl,	(pebble)	1 Calli
2 Acatl,	(reed)	2 Acatl
3 Tochtli,	(rabbit)	3 Tecpatl
4 Calli,	(house)	4 Tochtli

Veytia agrees with Boturini, and Orozco y Berra (Anales I, 7, 299), accepts their arrangement and nomenclature.

The eighteen months of the year are named as follows:

### NAMES OF THE MONTHS.

(Lorenzana, 2.)		Orozco y Berra (Anales I, vii, 294).
1. Atemoztli	(water month)	1. Itzcalli, Xochilhuitl.
2. Tititl	(things even and just)	2. Xilomanaliztli, atlachualco, Cuahuitlehua, Cihuailhuitl.
3. Yzcalli	(new creation)	3. Tlacaxipehualiztli, cohualhuitl.
4. Xilomanizte	(offerings of the new maize)	4. Tozoztontli.
5. Coanilhuitl	(grand festival of the viper)	5. Hueytozoztli.
6. Tozcotzintli	(lesser fast)	6. Toxcatl, Tepepochuiliztli.
7. Huey Tozcotzli	(greater fast)	7. Etzalcua liztli.
8. Toxcatl	(dangerous for the fields)	8. Tecuil Nuitzintli.
9. Ezalqualliztli	(eating of dry	9. Huey tecuilhuatl.

	fruits)	
10. Tecuilhuitzintli	(feast of the youthful cavaliers)	10. Micailhuitzuitli, Tlarochimaco.
11. Huey Tecuithuitl	(feast of elder lords)	11. Huey micail huitl, Xocotlhuetzi.
12. Micta ilhutzintli	(lesser feast of the dead)	12. Ochpaniztli, Tenahuatilztli.
13. Huey mictail huit	(greater feast of the dead)	13. Pachtli, Teotleco.
14. Ochpanitzli	(broom)	14. Hueypachtli, Tepeilhuitl.
15. Pachtlizintli	(early grains)	15. Quecholli.
16. Hueypachtli	(grains and large trees)	16. Panquetzaliztli.
17. Quecholli	(the flamingo?)	17. Atemoztli.
18. Panquetzallitzli	(pennons or banners)	18. Tititl.

#### DAYS OF THE MONTHS.

Lorenzana (2)	Chavero (Anales I, VII, 245)
Cipactli (serpent)	1. Cipactli (the first light from below the horizon)
Ehecatl (air)	2. Ehecatl (the wind)
Calli (house)	3. Calli
Cueztzpalin (lizard)	4. Cuetzpalin
Cohuatl (viper)	5. Cohuatl
Miquiztli (death)	6. Miquiztli
Mazatl (deer)	7. Mazatl
Tochtli (rabbit)	8. Tochtli
Atl (water)	9. Atl
Ytzcuintli (a common dog)	10. Itzcuintli
Ozmatli (a she ape)	11. Ozomatli
Malinalli (a mesh of cords)	12. Malinalli
Acatl (reed)	13. 1. Acatl

Then follows the second group:

Ocelotl (tiger)	14. 2. Ocelotl
Quaotli (eagle)	15. 3. Cuauhtli
Temtlatl (grindstone)	16. 4. Cozcacuahtli
Quiahuitl (rainy water)	17. 5. Ollin

Xochitl (flower)	18. 6. Tecpatl
	19. 7. Quiahuitl
	20. 8. Xochitl

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19 Cintrococopi, qy. from cintli, spindles

20 The story of the falling down. of the heavens appears among the myths of Samoa, where two trees are reported to have grown up and pushed them into proper place. The natives of Vaitupu have a tradition in which two of the sons of the first couple "distinguished themselves by raising the heaven higher." In Nikundu, the legend runs of an universal darkness in the beginning of all things and that the heavens were down and resting upon the earth until raised by two brothers. (Samoa, by George Turner, pp. 198, 283, 291.)

21 The two trees into which the gods changed themselves; more properly, Tezcaquahuitl, the tree of the warrior. Quetzalveixochitl, the beautiful rose tree. - A.H.M., 75.

22 Mixcoatl, a name of Tezcatlipoca. Brinton, A.H.M., 84. Iztac Mixcoatl (A.H.M. 92), white-cloud, twin.

23 Four hundred men created. Brinton considers them to be the stars, especially as they later were translated to the sky. Codex Chimalpopoca (Myths, New World, 207.). Four birds devoured the antediluvian dwellers on earth.

24 They drew blood from their ears, &c. In ch. 8 (seq.) Camaxtil takes a maguey thorn and draws blood from his tongue and ears. The Persians drew blood from ears, arms and face. Cf. Garcia, iv, 301.

25 Talocatecli threw his son into the cinders. Should be Tlaloc. (Cf. Abraham and Isaac.)

26 Chichimecas (Garcia, V, 2, 322), offered no let or hindrance to the immigrants who drove them away, but were filled with fright and astonishment, and hid themselves among the most inaccessible rocks.

But the C. on the other side of the Sierra Nevada, where the Tlascaltecas came, did not behave in this manner, but valiantly resisted the invaders, being of gigantic stature, endeavored to drive them out of the land, but were ultimately overcome by the force of the Tlascaltecas. Then they had resort to stratagem, and feigning peace and submission invited their conquerors to a

banquet at which concealed men precipitated themselves upon the Tlascaltecs when they had become drunken and helpless. However, the Tlascaltecs rallied to the assistance of their comrades, and being better armed and disciplined, ultimately defeated the giants, leaving not one man alive. After many generations the barbarous Chichimecs became civilized, wore clothes and became as other people, forming themselves a state. (Cf. Garcia, V, 302.)

Chichimeca. (Clavigero tr. Cullen, I, 91), recording to some from Techichiani, sucking, because they sucked the blood of the animals which they hunted. C. calls them Chechemecatli, (Betancourt), from Chichimi, dogs' beans. If the name had been one of contempt they would not have prided themselves upon it, as they did. Another point to show it was an indigenous word.

A number of conjectural etymologies have been assigned for this name, but all unsatisfactory. As this people appear to have been aboriginal it seems to me that any attempt to explain its name by means of the language of the conquerors must be futile. Those who speak an alien tongue have always been looked upon by their neighbors as barbarians, and even as not possessed of rational speech, but as using only an unintelligible jargon. The Latin dramatist expresses the feeling in his lines, *Barbarus hic ego, quid non intelligor nulli*.

According to Garcia (V, 3, 321), the word Nahuatl means the people that speaks distinctly and makes itself understood (Cf. Sahagun X, 29.) (Buschman, 685) "well sounding, clear, distinct."

Boturini, 78. Chichimècatli, el qué chupa, from their sucking the blood of animals. Chichi means mamar, to nurse. Anales 3, 2, 60.

27 Camasale, more properly, Camaxtli, qu., a name of Tezcatlipoca ( A.H.M., 90) la faja noturna (Anales 3, 363). He was worshiped by the Tlascallans, being there the same as Huitzilopochtli. Clavigero I, 2, 111. (Cf. [Note 3](#))

28 Ce acatl, one reed, the day of Quetzalcoatl's birth, and by which he was often called.. It was a day of evil omen, and no one born on it could hope for success

This year which returns but once in the Mexican cycle of fifty-two years, was the one in which the god Quetzalcoatl was expected to reappear; and it so happened that in this very year Cortez entered the land of Mexico. Gloomy prophecies had preceded his advent, and he met a sovereign predisposed to submission.

29 Tlapalla. This is the Tlapallan which Brinton (A.H.M., 89) believes to be the "City of the Sun," the original home of the Aztecs. All this he considers a sun myth. The word signifies "the red land" (Codex Mendoza, Anales I, 4, 173). It was to this country that Quetzalcoatl was to take his journey. (Buschman, p.684)

"Tlapallan, the red land, and Tizapan, the white land, were really the names for the land of the sun. Tizapan from tizat, white earth, and pan in." (Am Hero Myths, 135.) The idea holds ground among some scholars that this long record is only one of journeyings up and down through the valley of Mexico.

30 Chapultepeque. Monte des Conejos. (Garcia, IV, 203.) Cerro del Chapulin (Bot. 78). See [note 43](#).

31 Culhuacan. Colhuacan (A.H.M., 92). The bent or curved mountain, the home of the mother of the gods; on it the old become young and remain at any age they desire; years leave no trace upon them. In the legends of the Choctaws occurs mention of a bending hill (Myths New World, 225). Duran (I, 1) considers it another name for Aztlan. Cf. Buschman, 691.

32 Azclan, regio de garças, land of the heron. (Garcia, 4, 293) Bright or white land. (Brinton A.H.M., 92. Buschman, 612.) The latter the more generally received; cf. Tlapallan, [Note 29](#).

33 Suchimilco, first people (gente de sementeras de Flores), occupied the banks of the great lagoon of Mexico and founded a city of the same name. Garcia, V, § 2, 322.

34 Xochimilco. Place of the field of flowers. (Buschmann, p. 700; Clavigero, 2, 228 Boturini, 78.) Sometimes written Suchimilco.

35 Mixcoatl (Brinton A.H.M., 92. Iztac-Mixcoatl, the white cloud twin), goddess of hunting, Clav., i. 126. Same as Camasale ([Note 3](#), [Note 27](#)).

35 [bis] Chalcas. The name signifies Gente de las Bocas. Garcia V, 2, 322.

36 Tenpaneca (Garcia, V, 2, 322). Gente de la puente, settled on the west side of the lagoon. They soon founded a large city, Azcapuzalco (Hormiguero).

37 Tezcucuo. Garcia (V, 2, 322) says the Tezcucans were the fourth population of Mexico, coming from Culua (Gente corva), because in their country there was a very crooked Cerro.

These four nations encircled the lagoon, and of them all, the Tezcucans were considered as the most polished.

38 Quausticaca ? lugar de los Pinos.

39 Chicomuxtoque, more properly should be Chicomoztoc, the Seven caverns. (Garcia, V, 325: Boturini, 78. Buschmann, Über die Aztek. Ortsnamen, 688)

40 Coatebeque, more properly Coatepec, the hill of serpents

41 Quatlque, more properly Coatlicue, "one of the serpent skirt" (A.H.M., 77) from whom Huitzilopochtli was born. According to Clavigero (1[,] 257), she was the goddess of flowers.

A similar myth is narrated (A.H.M., 99) of the birth of Quetzalcoatl, "the feathered serpent," which seems more probable from the connection of this name with the bunch of feathers, the virgin is stated here to have placed in her bosom

42 Cuzco means (Garcia, IV, 293) the navel of the earth

\* Topó means, first, to meet; second, to strike. It may be that it should read "touched."

43 Bridge of Chapultepeque: this is probably a clerical error of puente for fuente as in the preceding chapter a (fountain or) stream of water (fuente) is spoken of as existing at that place. The word means hill of the locust, from chapulin, locust, and tepec, a hill. (Cf. [Note 30](#).)

44 In the original tes, meaning evidently tres.

45 In the original dos, probably an error for los.

\* Mechoacan, El tierra de pescado (Garcia, v, 325).

46 Çiguacoatl, more properly Cihuacoatl: the serpent woman (Myths New World, 120); Cihuacohuatl (Clavigero, I, 246).

47 Tiçapan, Tiçapaa- the same place. (Garcia, 326, Tizaapán, aguas blancas, white water). The general view entertained by scholars is that the word means the white land (A.H.M., 136), and is the same as Tlapallan, the home in the distant sun. See [note 29](#).

47\* Here there is something omitted, probably the words "a woman," as the rest of the sentence requires it.

Clavigero (Book II, § 21, Cullen, p. 124), tells a horrible story of a woman's sacrifice (too long to copy), which may be the one here referred to.

48 Quanmixtitlan, postea Tenustitan. Garcia, 325; Ciudad del popul, Bot. 78. Tenoxtitlan, more correctly Tenochtitlan, from tetl, a stone, and Nochtli, a nopal (meaning the wild fig on the rock. Tunal en piedra, Garcia, V, 326). Buschmann, p. 702.

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49 Acamapictli. Garcia, V, § 3, 334. Third king of the Mexicans, Coringio, being second, and Tenuch first. (Clavigero, I, iii, 127; Lorenzana, p. 9.)

### Names of the kings of Tenochtitlan according to

Clavigero, i, III, 127.	Lorenzana, 9.	Anales II, 1, 53. Tenuch, A.D. 1324.
Acamapitzin	Acamapixtli	Acampichi, A.D. 1370.
Huitzilihuitl	Huitztlihuil	Huicilyhuitl, A.D. 1396.
Chimalpopoca	Chimalpopoca	Chimalpupuca, A.D. 1417.
Itzcoatl	Ixcoatl	Ixcoaci, A.D. 1427.
Monteuczoma or Montezuma	Montezuma, the elder	Huehue motecçuma, A.D. 1440.
Axajacatl	Tizotzin	Axayacaci, A.D. 1469.
Tizoc	Axaiacac	Tiçocicatzi, A.D. 1482.
Ahuitzotl	Ahuitzol	Ahuiçocin, A.D. 1486.
Montezuma	Montezuma	Motecçuma, A.D. 1502.

Garcia (V, iii, 324), makes Acamapictli the third ruler.

50 Seems to resemble the title of Prince Consort.

51 Cuernavaca. Garcia (Origin de los Indios, Lib.V, § ii, p. 322) says that Quauhnahuac (a word meaning the place whence the voice of the eagle sounds) was corrupted in common language into Cuernavaca. He states that it was the capital city of a fertile and populous province, which, in his days was known.

\* Tetzcuco, (Molina); Tetz coco (Buschmann, 697).

52 They took away. (Qy. the original one?)



52\* Tlascaltecas (gente de pan). Garcia, V, 1, 322. Were the sixth people; built and settled, and their chief city was named Tlascala. This nation aided the Spaniards.

53 Dende un año ynvernán?

54 The Indian woman, Marina, who fell in love with Cortez, and accompanied him as his interpreter. The words in the original are, "por una lengua dicha Marina."

55 Sahagun, Lib. XII, ch. 29, also speaks of this epidemic of small-pox.

56 Oydores, auditors, councillors of state.

57 I.e., the days to lengthen.

58 Tçauçigua (fleshless women), alias Çiçemine. More properly, Tzitzimimine (Anales II, i, 7), the dreadful ones. The conclusion of a cycle was a grave event for the Mexicans, for, according to their religious ideas, it was possibly the date for the end of the world. "All the inhabitants," says Torquemada, "were in great fear and trembling lest when the lights were extinguished they should never more be rekindled, but on that very night the human race would come to an end, and darkness eternal would reign over all; no sun should ever appear again, but the Tzitzimimes, fearful demons, would descend and eat up all mankind." Anales, &c, II, i, 7.

59 1. Se echaron una con otra.

59\* Quey, ver, omitted? In which case the sentence read Este no pudo (ver), á Montezuma, could not bear with Montezuma, detested him.

60 How much more humane than the maxim of the civil law, partus sequitur ventrem. One who lay with an immature girl, or another's slave, became a slave. (Garcia, 3, 2, 111: Torquemada, XII, 8: Herrera, IV, 8, 10)

61\* Tianguéz should be more properly Tianquizli. (Anales III, 2, 66.)

\* Meaning Christians? ["Xpianos" is actually a fairly common abbreviation, despite Phillips' lack of certainty.]

62 Papa. "The Mexicans called in their tongue the Supreme Pontiffs by the name of Papa." (Herrera III, ii, xv, p. 690. Similiter, Garcia V, xii 300.)

Papachtic. "He of the flowing locks," corrupted to Papa, was one of the names of Quetzalcoatl (A.H.M., 69), hence the title may easily have been transferred to his priests.